

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/667,467

Examiner

Allen H. Nguyen

Applicant(s)

SUGIMOTO, TASUKU

Art Unit

2625

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/31/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 4-23.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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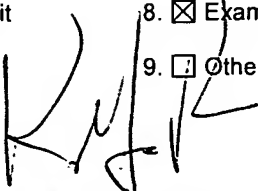
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-2, 4-23 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the closest prior art Anzai (US 6,009,242) fails to show or fairly suggest an image forming device comprising: means, wherein the compression determining means employs a reference value indicative of the data transferring performance from the memory means to the transfer means, the reference value being based on the following formula: $L_r = BI / (Bg * De)$.

Regarding claims 2, 4-15, claims 2, 4-15 are allowable due to dependence from claim 1.

Regarding claim 16, claim 16 is the method claim of device claim 1. Therefore, method claim 16 is allowed for the reason given in device claim 1.

Regarding claim 17, the closest prior art Anzai (US 6,009,242) fails to show or fairly suggest an image forming device comprising:

the compression determining means employs a reference value indicative of the data transferring performance from the memory means to the transfer means,

wherein the reference value represents a fixed length equal to or smaller than a value of the greatest image forming width provided of the printing engine,

wherein the compression determining means determines whether to compress the image data if greatest raster length in each page of the image data exceeds a predetermined percentage value of the largest image forming width provided of the printing engine.

Regarding claims 18-20, claims 18-20 are allowable due to dependence from claim 17.

Regarding claims 21-24, claims 21-24 are the method claims of device claims 17-20, respectively. Therefore, method claims 21-24 are allowed for the reason given in device claims 17-20.

Conclusion

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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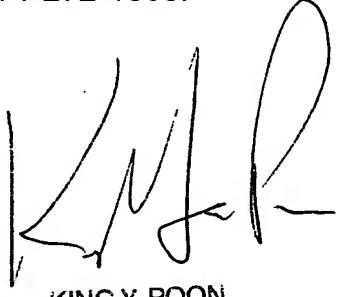
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-270-1229. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, King Poon can be reached on (571)-272-7440. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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